The Titaghur Paper Mills.

331. * **MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of reeds supplied to the Titaghur Paper Mills, free of cost, for experimenting with a view to manufacture paper out of them ;

(*b*) the additional expenditure the Government had to incur in order to induce them to conduct the needed experiment ;

(*c*) whether they have received any samples of paper manufactured out of the reeds by the above company ;

(*d*) whether they will be pleased to acquaint the members with the report submitted to them by the Titaghur Paper Mills Company as a result of their investigations into the problem of paper manufacture out of reeds ; and

(*e*) the special reasons that prompt the Government to consider Alwaye as the site for founding a Paper Mill ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 34 tons and 17 cwts of eetta.

The expenditure on account of the transport of the above quantity of eetta amounted to S. Rs. 2,143-12-10 of which the shipping freight of S. Rs. 540-27-12 was paid by the Company.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The report submitted by the company is a long one. The result of the experiment is reported to be satisfactory and the paper produced is of good quality. The proposal of starting a Paper Mill at Alwaye by the Company has now been given up, and other schemes are being investigated.

(*e*) Alwaye is considered a suitable site for starting a Paper Mill for the following reasons :—

(1) Abundant supply of raw materials easily accessible and capable of meeting the demands of a mill for a number of years.

(2) Easy transport facilities from the forest by water to the place.

(3) Abundant supply of fuel for running the mill.

(4) Abundant supply of clear water.

(5) Labour facilities.

(6) Proximity to the Cochin Harbour and Railway Station.

Recommendations of the Protector for the uplift of the Depressed Classes.

332. * **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any special recommendations have been made by the Protector of the Depressed Classes detailing the concessions to be granted by Government towards the uplift of the depressed classes ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

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